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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF MINAMATA DISEASE RESEARCH CENTER

SUMMARY: THE GOJ ENVIRONMENT AGENCY WILL BUILD AND OPERATE A NEW RESEARCH FACILITY IN MINAMATA. THE ONE BILLION YEN PROJECT WILL PROVIDE A CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF TRGANIC MERCURY POISONING CASES IN MINAMATA. A STAFF OF 40 TO 50 WILL RUN THE HOSPITAL WHICH WILL BE HOUSED IN A FOUR STORY BUILDING.; 1978 HAS BEEN SET AS THE TRAGET DATE FOR INITIATION OF OPERATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY HAS REVEALED ITS PLANS TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A NEW RESEARCH FACILITY IN MINAMATA DEDICATED TO THE STUDY OF THE ORGANIC MERCURY POISONING CASES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED THERE. THE CENTER WILL PROVIDE CLINICAL CARE FOR VICTIMS OF MINAMATA DISEASE IN ADDTION TO PERFORMING RESEARCH INTO THE DISEASE. THE CLINICAL SERVICES OFFERED WILL INCLUDE INTERNAL MEDICINE,, NEUROLOGY, PSYCHIATRY, OPHTHALMOLOGY AND OTOLARYNGOLOGY.

2. WHILE THE MAJOR EFFORT OF THE CENTER WILL FOCUS

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ON RESEARCH INTO ALL ASPECTS OF ORGANIC MERCURY

POISONING, LOCAL OFFICIALS IN MINAMATA HAVE INSISTED ON PROVISION OF CLINICAL SERVICES TO THE VICTIMS OF THE DISEASE. THE FOUR STORY STRUCTURE WILL HOUSE, IN ADDITION TO THE CLINICAL DEPARTMENTS, DEPARTMENTS OF PATHOLOGY, BIOCHEMISTRY AND EPIDEMIOLOGY. THE ENTIRE FACILITY WILL BE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY FOUR KILOMETERS FROM THE CENTER OF MINAMATA CITY AND WILL COST ABOUT ONE BILLION YEN.

3. THIS PROJECT WAS INSTIGATED BY PRIME MINISTER MIKI IN HIS FORMER CAPACITY OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY.
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